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Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry

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Introduction and Subsidiary Locator

The *Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry* section covers carcasses of migratory and non-migratory game birds; cooked, smoked or cured, and fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and meat products of domestic poultry and fowl; perishable poultry pate; and bouillon cubes and dry soup mixes containing pieces of poultry and fowl.



Never handle or break eggs outside of the package when those eggs are from Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Denmark¹, Djibouti, Egypt, France¹, Germany¹, Hungary¹, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Romania, Russia, South Korea, Sudan, Sweden¹, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, or Vietnam. You risk contracting exotic strains of avian influenza. (Country listing will be updated as country status changes.)

- ¹ Regionalized country. **Only** VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). Contact your local PPQ-VRS-AQI Veterinarian or a PPQ-VRS-HQ Staff Veterinarian for current information on VS-defined areas for regionalized countries.










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TABLE 3-11-1 Regulatory Action to Take for Poultry

If the country of origin is:	And the importation is:	And is for:	And the shipment:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with HPAI (H5N1) only ◆ Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END 	Processed, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bouillon cubes ◆ Game birds ◆ Poultry extract 		Is accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as stated on the permit
			Lacks a VS-issued permit	REFUSE ENTRY
	Unprocessed	Educational, research, or scientific purposes	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as stated on the permit
			Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
		Other than educational, research, or scientific purposes		REFUSE ENTRY
◆ Affected with END only			Is accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as stated on the permit
			Lacks a VS-issued permit	GO to Table 3-11-2
◆ Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END				GO to Table Table 3-11-2

When a VS permit does **not** authorize entry, use the following table, [Table 3-11-2](#), which directs you to the final regulatory action to take.


TABLE 3-11-2 Where to Find the Final Regulatory Action to Take when VS Permit Does Not Authorize Entry (Countries Free from HPAI (H5N1))

If the importation is:	And the meat or meat products are:	Then:
Carcass of a wild, free-flying game bird that has been hunted (usually shot, netted, or trapped)		GO to Table 3-11-3
Meat or meat products of domestic poultry and fowl including pen-raised birds of any kind (i.e., quail, pheasant, grouse, pigeon, or dove)	Bouillon cubes	GO to Table 3-11-9
	Cooked, shelf stable (hermetically sealed can) ¹	RELEASE
	Cooked	GO to Table 3-11-5
	Fresh (chilled or frozen)	GO to Table 3-11-13
	Perishable pâté	GO to Table 3-11-8
	Pieces and chunks, and/or fat in dry soup mixes	GO to Table 3-11-10
	Rendered poultry fat (schmaltz)	REFER TO FSIS
	Smoked or cured	GO to Table 3-11-11

¹ Determine shelf stability in cargo just as you would in baggage. See [Table 2-3-3 on page 2-3-8](#).



Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

TABLE 3-11-3 Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation has:	Then:
Carcass of game birds	Affected with END only , but free from HPAI (H5N1)		GO to Table 3-11-4
	Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1)	Not transited a country known to be affected with END	RELEASE
		Transited a country known to be affected with END	GO to Table 3-11-4


Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

TABLE 3-11-4 Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free From HPAI (H5N1) but Affected with END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

If:	And the country or region of origin is known to be:	And the bird:	And the importation is:	And is from:	Then:
Carcass of game bird	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Free from HPAI (H5N1), but affected with END ◆ Free from HPAI (H5N1), but transited a country known to be affected with END 	Has been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have been removed			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RELEASE 2. ADVISE Customs that the importation may need to be cleared by U.S. Department of Interior
		Has not been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have not been removed	Consigned to an approved establishment for processing as a trophy	Mexico	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AUTHORIZE shipment by the importer under seal with VS 16-78 2. RECORD the importer's driver's license number and vehicle number on VS 16-78
				Other than Mexico	AUTHORIZE shipment by the importer under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete form)
			Not consigned to an approved establishment		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from Countries Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

TABLE 3-11-5 Determine Status of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation is:	Then:
Cooked meat or meat products of domestic fowl	Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1)		REFER to FSIS
	Affected with END, but free from HPAI (H5N1)	Commercial importation	GO to Table 3-11-6
		In passenger baggage	GO to Table 3-11-7

Commercial Importations of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free From HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END

Determine if the commercial importation of cooked meat or meat products is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the product was thoroughly cooked. Continue to [Table 3-11-6](#).

TABLE 3-11-6 Determine Action to Take on Commercial Importations of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END

If:	And the country or region of origin is known to be:	And the importation is:	Then:
Commercial importation of cooked meat or meat products of domestic poultry or fowl	Affected with END, but free from HPAI (H5N1)	Accompanied by the required certification	1. RELEASE 2. ADVISE Customs that the importation must go to FSIS for inspection to verify the thoroughness of cooking
		Not accompanied by the required certification	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl in Passenger Baggage from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END



Inspect the poultry products to determine if the cooked meat or meat products are thoroughly cooked (thoroughly cooked means being heated so that the meat's flesh and juices have lost all red or pink color).

TABLE 3-11-7 Determine Action to Take on Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl in Passenger Baggage from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END

If:	And the country or region of origin is known to be:	And the meat or meat products:	Then:
Cooked meat or meat products of domestic poultry or fowl in passenger baggage	Free from HPAI (H5N1), but affected with END	Have been dressed and cooked, losing all red or pink color	RELEASE
		Are still red or pink indicating they were not thoroughly cooked	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)


TABLE 3-11-8 Determine Action to Take on Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the pâté:	And the pork product is:	And the country of origin is known to be:	Then:
Perishable poultry pâté	Contains pork or pork products including lard	Solely lard (rendered fat)	Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1)	REFER to FSIS
			Affected with END, but free from HPAI (H5N1)	GO to Table 3-11-10
		Any pork product other than lard (includes unrendered fat)	Free from ASF, CSF, END, FMD, HPAI (H5N1), and SVD	RELEASE
			Affected with ASF, CSF, END, FMD, or SVD	GO to Table 3-11-10
	Does not appear to contain pork or pork products		Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1)	REFER to FSIS
			Affected with END, but free from HPAI (H5N1)	GO to Table 3-11-10

Bouillon Cubes and Meat Extract of Poultry Origin from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

To determine the action to take on bouillon cubes and meat extract of poultry origin from a country of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), see [Table 3-11-9](#).

TABLE 3-11-9 Bouillon Cubes and Meat Extract of Poultry Origin from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation:	Then:
◆ Bouillon cubes of poultry origin	Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1)		RELEASE
◆ Meat extract of poultry origin	Affected with END and free from HPAI (H5N1)	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate stating that the meat product has been concentrated by boiling or heated to a temperature of 100° C (212° F)	RELEASE
		Lacks the certificate or certification described above	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. GIVE the importer the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes With Poultry Meat from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

Determine if the importation of dehydrated (dry) soup mixes containing pieces of poultry meat is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the product was heated to a minimum internal temperature of 161°F (72°C).



Certification validated by a government veterinarian in the country of origin is acceptable. If you are **not** satisfied with the accompanying documentation, contact PPQ, VRS.

TABLE 3-11-10 Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes Containing Pieces and Chunks, and/or Fat of Poultry Meat from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation:	Then:
Dehydrated soup mixes containing pieces and chunks, and/or fat of poultry meat	Free from HPAI (H5N1), but affected with END	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate declaring that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All meat is free of bones ◆ Meat product has been cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 72° C (161° F) 	REFER to FSIS
		Lacks the certification described above	REFUSE ENTRY
	Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END	—————→	REFER to FSIS

Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

TABLE 3-11-11 Determine the Status of Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry or Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country of origin is known to be:	Then:
Smoked or cured meat or meat products of domestic poultry or fowl	Free from HPAI (H5N1), but affected with END	CONTINUE onto next page
	Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END	REFER to FSIS

Determine if the importation is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the smoked or cured poultry products have been subjected to a minimum temperature range of 160° F to 163° F (70° C to 73° C) for **not** less than 6 hours.

TABLE 3-11-12 Determine Action to Take on Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl Based on Certification Status from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country or region of origin is known to be:	And the importation is:	Then:
Smoked or cured meat or meat products of domestic poultry or fowl	Free from HPAI (H5N1)	Accompanied by the required certificate	REFER to FSIS
		Not accompanied by the required certificate	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Fresh Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

To determine the action to take on importations of fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and meat products of domestic poultry or fowl from a country of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), see [Table 3-11-13](#).


TABLE 3-11-13 Determine Action to Take on Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

If:	And the country of origin is known to be	And the importation is:	Then:
Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat or meat products of domestic poultry and fowl	Free from HPAI (H5N1)	Free from END	GO to Table 3-11-15
		Affected with END	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Poultry from Mexico

To determine the action to take on importations of fresh (chilled or frozen) poultry from Mexico, see [Table 3-11-14](#).

TABLE 3-11-14 Determine Whether to Admit Fresh Poultry from Mexico

If:	And the country of origin is:	And the poultry was:	And the importation:	Then:
Fresh (chilled or frozen) poultry	Mexico	Processed in an APHIS approved processing plant (see Figure 3-11-1 on page-3-11-12)	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate issued by an authorized official of the Mexican Government that includes the required Annex (see Annex to Certificate for Poultry Products Processed in Mexico on page G-1-28)	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the certificate or the Annex	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
		Not processed in an approved plant		1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

List of Approved Mexican Poultry Processing Plant

Plant Number	Name/Address
TIF Establishment 241	Productura de bocados camicos S.A. De C.V. Monterrey

FIGURE 3-11-1 List of Approved Mexican Poultry Processing Plant

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1) and Free from END


Determine if there is adequate proof of origin present for the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) meat or meat products of domestic poultry and fowl from a country known to be free from HPAI (H5N1) and Free from END.

EXAMPLE

The importation accompanied by an official meat inspection certificate or the packaging labels showing the country of origin would constitute adequate proof of origin.

Continue on to **Table 3-11-15**.

TABLE 3-11-15 Determine Action to Take on Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country Known to Be Free from END

If:	And the country or region of origin is known to be:	And there is:	And the importation:	Then:
Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat or meat products of domestic poultry and fowl	Free from END	Adequate proof of origin ¹	Did not transit a country known to be affected with END	REFER to FSIS
			Transited a country known to be affected with END	GO to Table 3-11-16
		No adequate proof of origin		1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

¹ Documentary evidence of where an animal product comes from. Examples includes meat inspection certificate, certificate of origin, bill of lading, invoice, label, and document on official letterhead prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller.

Fresh Meat of Poultry from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from END, but Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

Review the accompanying documents to verify that the importation of fresh meat of poultry from a country of origin known to be free from END, which transited a country known to be affected with END met transiting requirements which are summarized below:

- ◆ Meat was sealed in the country of origin by an official of that country with serially-numbered seals
- ◆ Serial numbers of the seals are recorded on the accompanying documentation
- ◆ Seals are intact, and there is **no** evidence indicating that the seals were tampered with
- ◆ Meat matches what is described on the accompanying documentation

TABLE 3-11-16 Determine Status of Fresh Meat of Poultry from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from END, but Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

If:	And the country or region of origin is known to be:	And the importation transited a country known to be:	And the transiting requirements are:	Then:
Fresh meat of poultry	Free from END	Affected with END	Met	REFER to FSIS
			Not met	1. DO NOT RELEASE THE HOLD 2. CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI or PPQ-VRS-HQ personnel for further action (see Appendix H)